

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, February 13, 1903, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Ormond, Florida. February 13, 1903. My darling little wife:

I love you and want you here. I thought I had lost you at the depot. I sent Charles to find you but he could not. I then went myself to the book-stand where I left you but you were no longer there. I had to rush for the train and sent Charles back to look for you — and only got a look at you when we were switched away. Where are you now? I telegraphed and wrote to Washington — Then came your note of the 11th, telling me to telegraph to 9 East 46th Street, New York. Before I could reply came your telegram of yesterday saying that you had not heard from me and telling me to telegraph to 26 West 47th Street.

To be sure to reach you I have telegraphed to both places — and can't for the life of me, imagine where you are — as both addresses are new to me.

We are all very well — but the weather today is hot and damp.

We have loafed about the hotel all day. Mrs. Bell has been happy on the beach with shells and sea-weed — and with her maid to wait on her. I have read to my father and have been with him a good deal — and I think he is happy too. But I feel lonely here without you — and with nothing to do. I wish you could be here if only for a while — we see most of one another away from home.

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What is the doctor's report about you and Daidums. Where are you and what are you doing. I thought at first that you were staying at Lina's boarding place — but I don't identify it either at East 46th Street — or West 47th! I don't know of any hotel there either. I feel

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unhappy that I cannot reach you and want you to telegraph me the moment you get this that I may know we are in touch once more. I love you my darling.

Your own, Alec. Mrs. A. Graham Bell, 26 West 47th Street, New York.